

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract of this application as follows:

--~~Charging in a reasonable manner for~~An information recording apparatus and method for charging a fee regarding an information recording apparatus~~when recording~~ information into a recording medium. Information received through a tuner or reproduced through a digital reproducing section is converted by a format conversion circuit, and then supplied to a digital, an analog or a memory card type recording and reproducing section where dubbing is carried out. Such information can be also stored in a storage medium such as a HDD and then supplied and dubbed in the pertinent recording and reproducing section. A charging section charges a fee when the~~When the~~ recording medium containing recorded information is unloaded, ~~charging is done through a charging section.~~ Once unloaded, the recording medium can be easily taken out and used, thus such a convenience can be charged as well. In addition, the charging can be done corresponding to a number of recording media containing recorded information. Furthermore, a user can verify whether recording has been carried out properly, before charging.--